

My dear Sister

I submit to the will of our good God which I recognize in the orders of the doctor. You are aware what it must cost me to see that you cannot cultivate the talents that God has given you and your young Institute needs so much. However, if you were not entirely submissive, it could happen that you would soon be unable to work with your mind. So, do not tire your mind and do as much work as possible with the body, but light tasks that do not tire you.

That, my dear child, is what your divine Spouse requires of his spouse Olympiade. Agree that he is indeed the master who can exact these sacrifices, and obey with love; sadness would not suit you in any way.

Good-bye, I am all yours in him whom we must both love and who will be our great reward.

Your devoted spiritual Father

C. G. Van Crombrugghe

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You must above all avoid mental strain and occupations that take a long time. One must pay the fines to those who have been kind enough to correct our mistakes in speech and pronunciation. Tell Sr. Gonzague that from me so that she can tell the other Sisters.